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Mr. John Tolley  
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Dear Mr. Tolley:

On behalf of Alyeska Resort and Girdwood 2020, I am writing to you regarding the recent decision on the Seward Highway improvements.

I understand at a recent meeting in Anchorage that was conducted by David Post, the DOT/PF Planner for Anchorage, and Representative Mike Hawker, they announced that DOT has decided to drop the Seward Highway improvements from south of Potter Marsh to Indian from the "STIP" Projects.

Naturally this came as a complete disappointment to many of us in the Girdwood area and on the Kenai Peninsula. As you well know the Seward Highway is the major link between south-central Alaska and the Kenai Peninsula and with the increased traffic it is becoming more of a dangerous commute especially on the section from Indian to Potter Marsh. Over 50% of the population lives in the south-central area and the Seward Highway is one of the most traveled highways in the state.

We truly would appreciate if you would reconsider this decision and let us know what it would take to change the plan for the near future.

We know you have many important projects all over the state and it is hard to please all the people; however, we do feel this Seward Highway section being one of the most traveled and most dangerous sections in Alaska deserves high priority.

We would very much appreciate if you would not only reply to us in the near future but if at all possible schedule a meeting here in Girdwood with the Girdwood Board of Supervisors and Girdwood 2020 and let us know how we can help to move this project to the top of the priority list in the near future.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



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